

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Sun 4 Mar	Liz Johnson	Genesis 17: 1 – 7, 15 – 16; Romans 4: 13 – 25; (Mark 8: 31 – 38)
Sun 11 Mar	Alan Waddell	Exodus 20: 1 – 17; 1 Corinthians 1: 18 – 25; (John 2: 13 – 22)
Sun 18 Mar	Margaret Gray	Exodus 2: 1 – 10; 2 Corinthians 1: 3 – 7; (Luke 2: 33 – 35)
Sun 25 Mar	Liz Johnson	Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34; Hebrews 5: 5 – 10; (John 12: 20 – 33)
Sun 1 Apr	Alan Waddell	Liturgy of the Passion

Bishop's Lent Appeal

Bishop David has nominated Fikelela the HIV and AIDS Anglican charity in Cape Town as the Diocesan Lent Appeal this year. Their website says that "Fikeleka" means reach out and is the name of the HIV/AIDS outreach programme of the Anglican Church in Cape Town, South Africa. Fikelela was founded in 2000 with the vision to provide an active Christian response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic in South Africa.

There are envelopes available in church for people who would like to make a personal contribution. I intend to support this appeal by 'Counting my Blessings' each day and making a small financial contribution for each blessing that I note. For anyone who would like to join me forms are also available in church.

Invocation for Lent

Into the dark world a snowdrop comes,
a blessing of hope and peace carrying within it a green heart:
symbol of God's renewing love.
Come to inhabit our darkness, Lord Christ,
for dark and light are alike to you.
May nature's white candles of hope remind us of your birth
and lighten our journey through Lent and beyond.

*(By Kate McIlhagga from Lent and Easter Readings from Iona, edited
By Neil Paynter, Wild Goose Publications, 2002)*

And for our younger members

Dear Lord, thank you for football, thank you for the sea,
thank you for the world and thank you for me.

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From your Rector

Dear Friends

This morning I have spent some time listening to the blackbirds singing in the garden, they seem to be happily calling to one another 'come on, the sun is out spring is on its way', even the snowdrops and crocuses popping up through the ground and brightening our gardens and parks.

All these signs of spring act as reminders to Christians that we are in the season of spiritual renewal and there are many opportunities for renewal during this season of Lent. Perhaps spending some extra time really looking out of the window 'drinking in' God's creation in all its wonder, taking a walk around the garden or the park and listening to the bird song, reading a poem and finding a connection with it or coming along to our Meditation for Lent services – information further on in this Newsletter. You may like to join me in counting blessings daily, there are forms for jotting down your blessings in church.

However you spend this holy season I wish you many blessings.

With love & prayers, Christine

From our Service Registers

This month can we please remember in our prayers those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Nancy Dickson, Cecil Duncan, Ranavish McLeod, William Froud and Mary Baxter.

Faith in Action

The Church in Society Committee of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the United Reformed Church Synod of Scotland and the Methodist Church in Scotland has produced a 'Faith in Action' Calendar for 2012. Copies of the monthly leaflets will be available in church. The leaflets give suggestions for prayer and projects with the focus in March will be 'Asylum Seekers'.

Valentine Tea

This year's Valentine Afternoon Tea, held on Sunday 12 February, was again a very popular event. The sunny weather enticed along even more people than expected, all of them very appreciative of the wonderful food provided, the opportunity to socialise and also to exercise their minds doing a quiz. They all stayed for the whole afternoon and many of them said how much they appreciated the opportunity to spend a Sunday afternoon, which they normally spent alone, in such a convivial atmosphere

March Events

Fri	2 Mar	2.00pm	World Day of Prayer held at the United Free Church, King Street-
Thurs	15 Mar	7.30pm	East Area Council Evening at All Saints Church, St Andrews - a quiet evening led by Father Jonathan Mason
Sat	17 Mar	5.30pm	Diocesan Singing Day at the Cathedral, Perth, closes with Evensong

March Services Diary

Every Wednesday	Midday Prayers (15mins) in Church and during Lent we will be having short Meditations as well as prayers at midday on five Wednesdays beginning 7 March
Sun 4 Mar 10.30am	2nd Sunday of Lent. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Sun 11 Mar 10.30am	3rd Sunday of Lent. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Sun 18 Mar 10.30am	Mothering Sunday. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Sun 25 Mar 10.30am	5th Sunday in Lent. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall
Sun 1 Apr 10.30am	Palm Sunday. Family Eucharist followed by tea/coffee in the hall

Services for Holy Week will be intimated during March.

March Rotas

	<u>Reception</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sun 4 Mar	Christine Barker	Alex Cook
Sun 11 Mar	Janette Turvey	Margaret Redpath
Sun 18 Mar	Margaret Redpath	Liz Johnson
Sun 25 Mar	Alex Cook	Janette Turvey
Sun 1 Apr	Janette Turvey	Alex Cook

Please arrange to swap with someone if unavailable for the allotted date

Meditations For Lent

During 5 Wednesdays in March/April beginning 7 March, our service of Midday prayer each Wednesday will be extended to 30 minutes and will include a short meditation on verses from The Lord's Prayer. Based on a 'York Course' entitled 'The Lord's Prayer : praying it, meaning it, living it' these sessions will offer time for reflections on 'Our Father'; 'Thy will be done'; 'Our daily bread'; 'As we forgive' and 'In Heaven'. Even if you are only able to come to one or two please do come and share this time with this prayer that we pray so very often and which isn't the Lord's Prayer, it is ours; it is the prayer that Jesus gave to his disciples and to us.